Managers' Response

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TOPIC: President Fabricated Stories About Monica Lewinsky

WHITE HOUSE CLAIM:

White House Counsel Charles Ruff today stated that the President gave the same denial to his aides that he gave to his country and his family.

THE TRUTH:

The President fabricated stories about Monica Lewinsky that his aides repeated to the grand jury. For example, Sidney Blumenthal testified that the President said,

"'Monica Lewinsky came at me and made a sexual demand on me.' He rebuffed her. He said, 'I've gone down that road before, I've caused pain for a lot of people and I'm not going to do that again.' She threatened him. She said that she would tell people they'd had an affair, that she was known as the stalker among her peers, and that she hated it and if she had an affair or said she had an affair then she wouldn't be the stalker any more."

GJ Testimony, June 4, 1998, at 49-50.